

Application No.: 09/807,254
Amendment dated October 21, 2004
Reply to Office Action of April 30, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 24-39, 42, 44-48, 70-76, 78-86, 91, 96-99, and 117 are currently pending in this application. In telephone conversations with the Examiner during the weeks of October 4, October 11, and October 18, 2004, discussions took place between Applicants' attorney and the Examiner regarding minor modifications to the claims and their allowance. Claims 24, 47, 70 and 80 have been amended herein in view of those discussions.

The Examiner's assistance in discussing the application and the claims is greatly appreciated. In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is believed the claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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